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(iv) establishing the HLA-G expression profile of said tumour sample by detecting the labelled tumour cells.

3. (Thrice Amended) A method for establishing the HLA-G expression profile of a solid tumour with a view to selecting a treatment which is suited to said tumour or with a view to monitoring the evolution of said tumour, comprising:

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(i) removing a tumour sample,  
(ii) lysing the tumour cells,  
(iii) contacting the lysed tumour cells with various antibodies directed against the class I HLA antigens so as to form HLA-G isoform/antibody complexes, and

(iv) establishing the HLA-G expression profile of said tumour sample by detecting the complexes formed in step (iii).

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19. (Amended) The method of Claim 3, wherein subsequent to the contacting in (iii) the cells are immunoprecipitated.

20. (Amended) The method of Claim 3, wherein the detecting in (iv) comprises electrophoresis and transfer to a membrane.

Please add the following claim:

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24. (New) The method of Claim 3, wherein the tumour cells are labeled prior to lysing the tumour cells in (ii).